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THIRD FUND USE REPORT

Number of benefiting organizations: 48

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Report contains 1st through 35th place,
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COMPETING CHARITY FUND USE REPORT (1st through 35th place)

1st place: Urban Youth Impact

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.urbanyouthimpact.com>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$150,000

The Great Charity Challenge's partnership helped Urban Youth Impact accomplishment the following this summer:

This summer, ninety - three children in grades 2nd to 9th participated in our **Summer Jam** program. We had 20 more campers this year because of your partnership. Urban Youth Impact's fun-filled seven-week day camp, from June 19th to August 3rd theme was "Under Construction". This theme helped enrich our students with opportunities for exposure to the arts, sciences, field trips, tutoring, beach days, and pure summer fun! We kept kids off the streets in a safe and educational environment throughout the summer, thanks to your funding.



Twenty teens participated in Urban Youth Impact's **Reframe** summer work program. When our Reframe students were not busy at their summer internships at the Salvation Army, Summer Jam, Superior Party Rental and Boys & Girls Club, they got the opportunity to participate in field trips to PBAU, Palm Beach State College, Disney, Palm Beach Code, FAU, Boomers, and Armory Art Center.



2nd place: Adopt-A-Family of the Palm Beaches, Inc.

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.aafpbc.org>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$125,000

The amazing generosity of the Great Charity Challenge sponsors, the Zeigler Family Foundation, and Adopt-A-Family's incredible fortune of being paired with the second place team has made a significant and lasting impact on the agency and the community. After receiving news of the monumental award, Adopt-A-Family (AAF) identified three areas that would maximize the impact of the Great Charity Challenge funds. The agency determined that the funds would provide significant programmatic support to an existing program for impoverished elementary school students, strengthen the agency's administrative infrastructure, and expand the agency's capacity to serve low-income families by investing in the creation of a new housing program. The award has already increased the agency's ability to accomplish its mission in Palm Beach County and has paved the way for AAF to combat the county's shortage of affordable housing.

First, a significant portion of the award was designated to support Project Grow, the agency's afterschool and summer program for homeless and impoverished elementary school students. Project Grow aims to address the debilitating effects of homelessness and poverty through a holistic curriculum that includes engaging academic lessons, tutoring, mental health services, life-enriching experiences, parental engagement, academic advising, and a safe and supportive environment. During the last three months, Great Charity Challenge funds supported Project Grow's summer camp by covering the cost of the nutritious snacks served to the children every day. Because many of the students are delayed academically due to their unstable home life, Grow summer camp takes advantage of the extended time with the students to reinforce academic principles and prepare the students for the next grade level. In addition, Grow camp exposes the students to experiences that ensure that they are not limited or isolated by their disadvantaged economic status. This summer the students participated in activities such as swimming, gardening, story-time soccer, and fishing and took field trips to Miami Seaquarium, Butterfly World, Delray Beach Playhouse, Lion Country Safari, and the Spady Cultural Heritage Museum. Palm Beach County's Summer Meal Program provided all campers with breakfast and lunch every day. The Great Charity Challenge enabled Project Grow to provide nutritious daily snacks to the students for all nine weeks of camp to alleviate any financial burden on their parents. The campers were provided with multiple healthy snack options, and they enjoyed exercising the power of choice.

Second, the funds were slated to be used to enhance the agency's administrative infrastructure. A strong internal infrastructure is critical to maintaining fiscal excellence and managing the agency's nine programs for homeless and low-income Palm Beach County families, but grants to support administrative endeavors are scarce. During the last three months, funds from the Great Charity Challenge were used to make a significant upgrade to the agency's communication system. AAF staff work out of four different locations, and a substantial portion of the staff spend a significant amount of time out of the office to conduct direct client services. The agency's traditional phone system was over ten years old, required a different provider for each office, and was hindering essential communication between the four locations. Great Charity Challenge funds enabled AAF to upgrade the entire agency's phone system to a VOIP (Voice over Internet Protocol). The new system will enhance the agency's communications through a single internet-based system allowing for direct paging between offices, calls forwarded to cell phones, and instant message capabilities. In addition, the Great Charity Challenge enabled AAF to purchase ten air-conditioning units to replace aging units in residential apartments. The quality of the housing units provided to homeless and low-income Palm Beach County households is a top priority to the agency, and the Great Charity Challenge award provided the funds to purchase and install energy efficient air conditioning units into ten apartments.



Finally, the substantial and unexpected award from the Great Charity Challenge is enabling the agency to increase its capacity to serve at-risk Palm Beach County families by investing in the development, construction, and implementation of the agency's newest housing project, the "Third Avenue Homes" (formerly the "A Street Apartments"). After four parcels of land contiguous to the agency's administrative office was purchased by a generous donor in 2014, AAF conducted a thorough needs assessment to determine the best use of the property. It was overwhelmingly apparent that affordable housing was the top need for homeless and low-income families in Palm Beach County. AAF designed an affordable housing program and community space for fourteen families who are imminently at-risk of becoming homeless. The program will provide case management, financial literacy training, mentoring, tutoring, and most importantly, a stable home. The generosity of the Great Charity Challenge and its sponsors enabled the agency to move up its project timeline. The demolition of the deteriorated structures on the property started on June 14, 2017. The property is now clear and covered with sod until the project's groundbreaking occurs. AAF issued an RFP for an architect, and after several rounds of proposals and interviews, an architect was selected last week. The architect is currently preparing potential site plans. AAF expects to kick off a capital campaign to raise funds for the project within the next six months. Support from the Great Charity Challenge has funded the work of the Third Avenue Home's project manager who has propelled this program forward over the last three months. The Great Charity Challenge has played a major role in the agency's ability to execute this unique project that will help fill the need for affordable housing in Palm Beach County.

SUCCESS STORY

Maria* lived with her two siblings, parents, and cousin in a two-bedroom apartment near Adopt-A-Family of the Palm Beaches. Maria's parents both worked minimum wage jobs, often two at a time, to try to provide for their family. Six years ago, Maria's parents heard about Project Grow. Maria was in Kindergarten at the time and enrolled in the program along with her older sister.

When Maria started Project Grow, her teachers noticed she was withdrawn and lacked social skills. She was referred to Adopt-A-Family's Licensed Clinical Social Worker to participate in group counseling. She soon gained confidence and greatly increased her social skills. Maria took a special interest in the program's STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) curriculum and field trips. Maria's grades steadily improved throughout her time in Project Grow. Later in elementary school, Maria joined the Safety Patrol program at her elementary school. Maria was able to travel to Washington D.C. for the annual Safety Patrol trip thanks to her fundraising efforts and financial assistance offered by Adopt-A-Family. Maria enjoyed participating in Project Grow's annual Spelling Bee at the end of each summer camp, and one year she was the winner. Maria enjoyed her last summer in Project Grow in 2017 and graduated from the program as she was successfully promoted to the 6th grade. Maria continues to visit Project Grow often and reports that she is doing well in middle school.

Project Grow successfully engaged Maria's parents, and they learned to be an integral part of their children's academic progress. Maria's parents attend Grow's yearly STEAM night, talent shows, Spelling Bee, and school presentations and events. Maria's parents often share their immense gratitude for the many ways Project Grow impacted their children and empowered them to thrive socially and educationally.*Name changed to protect the student's privacy

PHOTOS: Children in Project Grow:





Third Avenue Homes Project Site:



3rd place: Hepzibah House

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.HepzibahHouse.org>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$100,000

Hepzibah House has provided all the basic physical needs such shelter, clothing and food to the women in the program. Additionally, we provide women in the program: health services that include dieting plan, mental health counseling, doctors, dentists, chiropractors, massage therapy, physical therapy, exercise plan/personal trainer, book studies, financial workshops, art class and continuing education/GED classes.

The Program Housing Services and Health Services monthly budget is: \$4,345

Our monthly Organizational Operating Budget is: \$13,659

This budget includes all the operational aspects of the organization such, housing program, health services, administrative, employees and contractor's wages, insurance and liability.

UPDATES/IMPROVEMENTS:

- We installed hurricane shutters in all the windows (10) of the safe house so it was protected during hurricane season.
- Bedroom improvements: A new bed was added in the bigger bedroom so now we can accommodate 3 residents in one bedroom and 1 in the smaller bedroom. For a total of 4 residents in the house.
- Thanks to the GCC funding we were able to re-activate Zibah Treats for a Cause, a Hepzibah House social enterprise that will allow us to provide employment and mentoring to the women in the program. All the promotional materials such as business cards and rack cards were revised and printed. The product and product labels were also given a new look. A Baking Manager was hired; not only to oversee the organic, handmade dog treats production but also to offer mentorship and teach practical life skills to the survivors. She has been hired initially as a part time with the goal for her to be full time as the sales of Zibah Treats for a Cause expand throughout Palm Beach County. The baking has begun in the safe house and the survivors are being paid hourly for their work. They are learning how to be a part of a productive team.
- Hepzibah House was able to hire a *Development Director / Zibah Treats Manager*. She is currently working part time but in reality, doing a full-time job and we hope to be able to hire her full time. As a Development Director, she has been working on: grant writing, donor relations, creating fundraising campaigns, event planning including awareness events/workshops, strengthening our relationships with other community non-profits.



GREAT CHARITY CHALLENGE

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- As a part of the objective of teaching women how to have healthy diets and allow them to take part in actively contributing healthy choices for their own bodies and well-being we have used some of the GCC funds to start a garden in the safe house.

In our backyard our clients are encouraged to garden, planting spices, fruits, vegetables and flowers as gardening is proven to reduce stress, calm nerves and decrease cortisol, a hormone that plays a role in stress response. The environment inside and outside of Hepzibah House is continually being transformed by our clients, as we encourage them to become who they were always created to be.

The garden will not only provide fresh food it is also being used as an extension of therapy, for the women experiencing post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety and depression. We are partnering with a Master Gardener from The Mounts Botanical Garden for this project.



4th place: Paws 4 Liberty, Inc.

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.paws4liberty.org>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$85,000

"By finding the right dog for the right vet, we're changing one life at a time with high-quality service dogs."

-Joseph Rainey, Paws 4 Liberty Board President and Veteran

There are also lasting benefits to our service dogs. Since Paws 4 Liberty does not breed dogs, most of our dogs come from rescue organizations, animal control, or are donated. We partner with local shelters and rescue organizations (Peggy Adams, Palm Beach Animal Care and Control, Big Dog Ranch) to obtain service dog candidates. To the best of our knowledge, there is no other local organization that trains dogs, from local shelters and rescue groups, to serve as service dogs to veterans with PTSD. The dogs we rescue are often saved from a life of abandonment and neglect and given a life of purpose and service.



Per the previously submitted Fund Use Report, Paws 4 Liberty received \$85,000 from the Great Charity Challenge in February of 2017. These funds are to be allocated to support our efforts to screen, train, and place service dogs with veterans who are suffering from post-traumatic stress (PTS) due to service-related trauma. In the Service Dogs for Veterans program, each service dog/veteran pair costs the organization as much as \$15,000, with the largest program expense being training (up to \$8,400 per pair). Other expenses include veterinary costs, food and supplements, boarding and kennel care, and a 3-week intensive team training. In the TYOD program, each pair can cost up to \$6,000 with the largest expense being training (up to \$4,200 per pair) and other expenses such as supplies and boarding and kennel care when needed. **According to our most recently available Profit & Loss Statement*, we have spent \$51,035 on the service dog program(s).**

Community outreach continues to be a priority as we look to the future of our organization. Never before has the U.S. been engaged in conflicts for so long a period of time or waged sustained warfare with so small a share of its population carrying the fight. However, most Americans care deeply for our veterans, and would welcome the chance to be involved. It is up to organizations such as ours to spearhead the effort to raise public awareness, and we are reaching out within our community to provide information and opportunities to hear from the veterans we serve. Your support, as we grow as an organization and reach out to raise public awareness, is vitally important to our ongoing efforts to help veterans in need. We are also increasing our efforts to reach out to the veteran community through the outreach program. We've also established a veteran's committee (headed up by board president Joseph Rainey) whose purpose is to reach out to veterans in need and make sure that they have access to Paws 4 Liberty information and services. **Per our most recent P&L*, we have spent \$2,665 on outreach expenses.**

In July 2017, Paws 4 Liberty attended the second annual conference for the Association of Service Dog Providers for Military Veterans. The goal of this new organization is to set accredited standards for service dogs that are specifically trained for wounded veterans and to provide networking and updated information to service dog organizations that serve veterans and their families. In the coming months, Paws 4 Liberty will be instrumental in structuring the direction and standards of this national organization.

The primary purpose of our organization remains the successful matching of highly trained service dogs with the veterans who need them. In our first graduation this year, we graduated 7 service dog/veteran teams. There are currently another 8 teams working towards graduation. We are well on our way to meeting our goal for FY 2017 of screening, training, and matching 22-25 veteran/service dog pairs.





5th place: Florence Fuller Child Development Centers, Inc.

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.ffcdc.org>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$75,000

Our Summer Camp programs served 240 children this summer and they had a blast! Our summer camps ran at each campus from June 5 through August 11, providing children with both a fun and educationally packed summer. Having our Summer camp programs running for the 10 weeks that school is not in session provides a safety net for our hard working families who need a safe and secure place for their children. Not only were they enriched with field trips including tennis lessons, swim lessons, museums, and art classes, they were engaged in tutoring and educational time to cut down on the summer learning loss that can occur when children are not academically stimulated for the 10 weeks of out of school time. Having these funds allows us to continue to run this program in a fun and educational manner and we are grateful for the opportunity.



6th place: The Unicorn Children's Foundation, Inc.

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.unicornchildrensfoundation.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$65,000

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Added 47 new members (total 318) to the Palm Beach County Special Needs Advisory Coalition (SNAC) to support, navigate, advocate, and connect families with community-based resources.
- Increased Facebook page following with 176 new followers to a total of 229 followers who receive updates on special needs programs, events, and funding opportunities.



- Convened 7 monthly SNAC meetings featuring guest speakers on “Safety and Children with Disabilities”, “Braided Funding”, “Able Trusts”, “Priority Action Plans to Improve the Community for Individuals with Special Needs.” “Mobility Management Facilitation Program” and “Special Needs Tax Credit Act and Guardianship”
- 6 Priority taskforces convene monthly to execute action plans related to the following areas: Transition and Education; Respite; Housing; Employment; Advocacy & Future Planning; and Family Navigating.
- A Summer Pre-Employment Academy was hosted at Unicorn Village Academy for students with special needs between the ages of 13 and 22 from June 26 – August 4
- A special needs/disability fair is scheduled for October 10, 2017 at FAU Jupiter campus.
- A supportive housing solutions summit is scheduled for November 17 and 18, 2017 at the Els Center of Excellence in Jupiter.
- Project SEARCH, a collaborative pre-employment training program for students with intellectual/developmental disabilities in their last year of high school, has been postponed to launch in August, 2017 pending securing a host business site.
- A self-advocacy curriculum has been developed and will be piloted in several private schools and with groups of adults with special needs
- Hosted a Funders Forum with 12 large funding agencies in Palm Beach County to educate them on the community-identified priorities to ensure individuals with special needs are included and meaningfully engaged throughout the community.
- 2017 Miss South Florida Teen who was diagnosed with Asperger’s Syndrome at the age of 16 shared her experience with “invisible disabilities,” having felt as if she never fit in, and her attempts at suicide with the Funders to emphasize the need for more supports and services and increased awareness.
- Coordinating local, State, and philanthropic funding requests to increase available funding for special needs programs, services, and supports.
- Finalizing an agreement with REST, a National evidence-based training curriculum to enhance the quality of care of respite care companions. The first train-the-trainer course is scheduled for January 9 and 10, 2018. Children’s Services Council has matched our funding allocation to ensure that 16 professionals will be provided scholarships to become trainers and 2 of these individuals will become master trainers to ensure continuation of this training curriculum in the community at a lower cost.



7th place: Achievement Centers for Children & Families

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.AchievementCentersFL.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$55,000

The Great Charity Challenge supports Achievement Centers for Children & Families (ACCF) services which include toddler, preschool, and out-of-school (afterschool and summer learning) programs. Each program has a family strengthening component embedded on campus to support the family and greater community. Our three year-round campuses are located within Delray Beach’s priority community; two of which are Title 1 schools. The Northwest and Southwest Neighborhoods within zip code 33444 and surrounding area are labeled a “vulnerable footprint” due to high poverty rates and low educational attainment.



ADDRESSING FOOD INSECURITY



To promote healthy physical development and address food insecurities, ACCF provides free nutritious meals to children. Approximately 226,000 free nutritious meals were served to children participating in our programs during the 2016-2017 year (35,000 breakfasts, 42,000 lunches, 102,000 snacks and 47,000 dinners).

I.G.N.I.T.E. TEEN SUMMIT

On July 14, 2017 our Village Academy School campus welcomed 200 teens to the annual Teen Summit for a day of inspirational messages from community leaders and meaningful workshops addressing issues affecting today's youth. Themed 'I.G.N.I.T.E.: Inspiring the Generation Now to Impact Tomorrow for Everyone', the day featured two keynote speakers. Kayla Reed is a young activist that was launched into action by the racial discord in her community during the aftermath of Michael Brown's death in Ferguson. She defines her sense of purpose in advocating for the changes she wishes to see in the world. Matthew Bell is an organizer and trainer with the Racial Equity Institute. He offers a look into the role of young people in the movement for systems transformation and social justice. He raises awareness and challenges young adults to examine how racism impacts their lives and how youth can create lasting impact to improve their communities. The event concluded with a Q&A session with six panelists and a DJ dance party. Breakfasts, snacks and lunches were provided and gift bags were distributed to all attendees.



SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Taking into account the various struggles and barriers facing families living in low-income neighborhoods, quality community programming serves as a critical support system that brings opportunity and restored function to the child, family and the greater community-simultaneously. To better meet the socio-emotional needs of the children and families we are entrusted to serve, the Delray Beach Collaborative (DBC) is being formed and launches October 2017. Achievement Centers for Children & Families, Families First of Palm Beach County, Healthier Delray Beach (community-led initiative focused on behavioral health), and Center for Child Counseling are lead partners. The DBC is creating the framework of a place-based continuum of care that supports the social and emotional learning of children and families participating in our programming, as well as those from the greater community. The tiered structure of supports (universal, targeted and intensive) provides children with an emotionally responsive environment in which to learn and grow and builds on the strengths of parents so they may serve as the foundation for their child's success.

8th place: Wycliffe Charities Foundation, Inc.

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.wycliffecharities.com>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$50,000

The Great Charity Challenge grant of \$50,000 has enabled us to expand our support of worthwhile projects in education, children and adult health programs. With the added winnings from the Great Charity Challenge, Wycliffe Charities is now also supporting:

West Palm Beach Library Foundation – *our grant will allow for the hiring of a certified teacher for weekend homework assistance*



Palm Beach School for Autism – our grant will help fund their technology assistance program for students

Center for Trauma Counseling – our grant will enable trauma counseling for adolescents and young adults

Center for Child Counseling – our grant will support the Childhood Trauma Response Program helping very young children heal and recover from abuse or neglect

Paws 4 Liberty – our grant will provide service dogs for veterans coping with Post Traumatic Stress

The Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County – our grant will support the Building Better Readers program

All of our funds were disbursed early in the 2nd quarter and in our recent call for an update, we received such wonderful and satisfying feedback from each of the charities and are anxious to share some of them in our 3rd quarter report to the GCC.

Clinics Can Help

“...thank you to Wycliffe Charities for the most heartfelt donation of \$7500...Twenty-eight pediatric posterior walkers (gait trainers) were purchased along with forearm supports and safety harnesses ...to provide additional stability for the child as they learn to walk on their own.”

Palm Beach School for Autism

“in addition to your \$5000 we secured funding...for our technology expansion program...We updated and purchased software and now have devices for 92 students...”

Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County

“...update on the Better Building readers program supported by Wycliffe’s generous \$5000 grant. For the school year ended in May, 299 first and second grade students were tutored...We met our goal, set in partnership with the school district, to bring 70 percent of the children 50 percent closer to reading at grade level.”

Kids Cancer Foundation, Inc.

“Wycliffe Charities Foundation provided us with a generous grant for \$6000 to assist with the cost of Neuropsychological testing...considered the “gold standard” for childhood cancer survivors. S”

Quantum House

“thanks to...Wycliffe charities for giving our families just the touch of home they need...Eleanor...At 8 years old, she’s had several surgeries to correct a birth defect...she’s used to hard days and difficult recovery... Even though you can’t protect Eleanor from difficult days, and you can’t take away the surgeries, you have made sure Eleanor has the best chance of finding her light through your generosity to Quantum House.”



9th place: Grandma's Place, Inc.

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.grandmasplacepb.org>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$45,000

The mission of Grandma's Place is to provide emergency shelter to abused and neglected children who have been removed from their homes. Our goal is to make them feel safe, secure, and loved.

Twenty children have taken refuge at Grandma's Place during the last three months. Two of these children were siblings and were with us for over six months – from February to August 2017. They were part of a four-children family where it was determined that child-on-child sexual abuse had occurred. The children placed in our care were the alleged abuser and the victim. The abuser was a 10 years old boy and the victim an 8 year old girl. Surprisingly, the victim did not report the abuse... her siblings did.



During their time with us, the children were not allowed to be alone together. The abuser was in a bedroom by himself. We were diligent about making sure that the alleged victim was safe during her time with us.

Both children received extensive therapy and counseling. They went to school every day and participated in all of the scheduled activities at the house, such as yoga, art, and music therapy.

During this time, the mother was completing her case plan so that the children could come back home. She was taught how to make sure that this situation does not happen again and what signs to watch for.

We are happy to report that the children returned to their mother in early August of 2017. We know that the children and mother are still receiving counseling and other necessary in-home services. We hope and pray that this situation does not happen again, but if it does... we will be here to keep the children safe.

10th Place: Children's Home Society of Florida

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.chsfl.org>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$40,000

We have continued to provide day to day love and care for the 12 girls who reside in foster care at the Nelle Smith Residence for Girls. The program continues to focus on helping to meet the girls daily needs while also preparing them for successful futures. This includes a focus on education, employment and overall life skills.

During this time period, one of the girls, has continued to work towards making her own future all that she wants it to be. In the past, she was afraid of what might unfold for her future, however, after a chance meeting with a female firefighter, she became inspired to pursue her own career as a firefighter. She met with the coordinators of the Palm Beach County Fire Cadet Program for a tour and based on her enthusiasm and her motivation to be a part of the program, she was immediately accepted.



11th place: Nonprofits First

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.nonprofitsfirst.org/>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$37,500

On August 24, 2017 twenty-one Palm Beach County nonprofit organizations graduated from Nonprofits First's program *101 for the 501*. Funding from the Great Charity Challenge presented by Fidelity Investments allowed Nonprofits First to offer the six course program to charities with annual operating budgets under \$500,000.

Enrolled Charities

Common Ground Community Development; Delray Beach Playhouse; Emanuel Jackson Sr. Project, Inc; Family Promise of South Palm Beach County; Golden Parents Inc; Inner City Innovators; Jack The Bike Man, Inc.; Joseph P Cory Foundation, Inc.; Kundalini Yoga South Florida, Inc; Lake Worth West Residential Planning Group; Live Fresh Inc.; Living Hungry; Madison's Miracles; Merciful Heavens; Pine Ridge Holistic Living Center; Police Athletic League of West Palm Beach, Inc.; Resource Depot; Snook and Gamefish Foundation; SOMSistahs Inc.; Talented Teen Club; Wellington Community foundation, Inc.

Courses

Board Governance (June 15, 2017), Human Resources (June 22, 2017), Fund Development (July 13, 2017), Marketing & Media Management (July 20, 2017), Volunteer Management (August 17, 2017), Fiscal Management (August 24, 2017)

Success Story

“101 for the 501 is an enormous boon. You have this knowledge base and experts who are bringing it all to you. It's not just about boards or volunteers or financials, it's actually bringing it all together from people who know the business and know what is important. They provide assets, papers, documentation, and laws. Running a nonprofit is a serious business. We are responsible for other people's money, they trust us with their donations to accomplish the missions we set out. It's an enormous burden but there are these functional foundations that need to be laid in order for us to operate well so coming to [Nonprofits First] and getting that knowledge and the tools to success from the experts has been really, really amazing.”

– Maura Plante, Living Hungry, Founder & CEO



Some of the happy graduates of the 2017 graduates of the “101 for the 501” program.



12th place: Wellington Cares, Inc.

CHARITY WEBSITE www.WellingtonCaresOrg.com

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$32,500.00



Wellington Cares is extremely grateful for the funds received, and they will be utilized to expand our services and offset many of our annual expenses we incur while serving the residents of Wellington.

To date we have used \$12,850. \$6,500 for part-time staff; \$2,500 to purchase a hearing aid for a participant; \$300 to purchase gift cards to pay for medication and fresh food. We also purchased a blood pressure cuff for a participant; \$200 on hospitality program for Father's

Day and birthdays; \$600 on volunteer trainings, background checks, and caregiver certification. Our volunteers, with the help of the Village of Wellington, ensured all our participants were safe and prepared for the hurricane Irma.

Since the last fund use report, we are pleased to announce Wellington Cares has signed up and trained 3 new volunteers and 4 more participants have signed up to receive services.



Thank you again for the ability to expand and continually serve the 65+ community of Wellington.

13th place: Holy Ground Shelter for Homeless, Inc.

CHARITY WEBSITE: <https://holygroundpbc.org/>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$30,000

Holy Ground has continued to use our Great Charity Challenge grant monies toward our vision of fostering generational change, so that our courageous young clients can learn the skills to become self-sufficient and can model these skills for their children.

From June 6, 2017, through September 15, 2017 (when these numbers were calculated), we had applied the money towards our program as follows (also see details below):

Figures

\$ 2,329.60 Housing (furniture, supplies, cleaning and household repairs for two new clients)

\$ 1,668.23 Direct client services (Life Skills training, childcare, holiday gifts, food, gas)

\$ 2,717.00 Support services (office assistant, part-time case manager, mental health meetings)

\$ 6,714.83 Total funds used 6/6/17 through 9/15/17



\$ 21,865.13 Total funds used thus far

A. Housing:

Our program continues to grow, and we are so grateful to have been able to open our door to two more at-risk young families. To prepare for their homecomings, we used Great Charity Challenge funds to clean up and prepare two small apartments, to pick up furniture donations with which to furnish the apartments, and to supply additional household items.

B. Direct Client services:

Life Skills sessions (\$530):

Clients meet monthly for a community meal and training on a variety of topics. These gatherings promote a sense of community for our young mothers, who often feel isolated, and provide a safe place for them to learn, share feelings, and obtain guidance.

Childcare (\$750):

It can often be difficult for our young mothers to find childcare outside of school and daycare hours, so we provide funds for dependable babysitters for evenings and weekends.

Holiday and reward gifts (\$250):

Every mother and child receives a gift on their birthdays. In addition, we give our clients a \$25 Walmart gift card when they receive good grades. During this period, one of our young mothers, who works at Whole Foods and attends Palm Beach Community College, got an A on her Anatomy and Physiology semester exam! On the right, she celebrates with her daughter, who, by the way, is in the gifted program at her school. We are so proud of both of them!

Food and gas (\$138.23)

C. Support Services:

Mentor mental health (\$250):

Each client has a trained female mentor to help guide her on her journey with Holy Ground, and to keep the staff apprised of the development and needs of both mother and child. These mentors spend many hours giving tough love to these often troubled young women. Therefore, the mentors meet monthly with a licensed mental health professional to share their experiences and concerns and to learn positive techniques to employ in their interactions with their mentees.

Part-time case manager (\$1720):

As the number of families we serve has grown, so has the need for additional support to provide the thorough case management that is key to our clients' progress. Brenda, our part-time case manager, meets with the clients at their apartments, reviews their contracts and case management plans, and even mentors one of the clients. Here she is, in a rare moment of leisure, cheering on our equestrian team at the 2017 Great Charity Challenge!

Summer Intern (\$747):

Belle, our summer office assistant, continued to work in our office through the end of the summer. She is now back in class full time at Florida Atlantic University, and we will miss her upbeat outlook and cheerful smile!

14th place: The Light House Café Ministries of the Glades

CHARITY WEBSITE: <https://thelighthousecafe.org/>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$28,000

The Light House Cafe and its ministry Ella's Closet continue to be incredibly blessed by the funding we received from the Great Charity Challenge. For our third fund use update, we have included the major ways that the funding continues to impact our organization and the many people we serve. In addition, as a result of the money that we received, we have been able to extend out outreach and serve more people within the Western Glades Communities.



Specifically, below is an outline of how funding has been used from the date of the first funding update to date.

Original Funding Use Plan:

- General Fund = \$10,000
- Walk-in Freezer/Refrigerator Project = \$10,000
- Our Family & Mother Outreach Focused Ministry, Ella's Closet = \$8,000

TOTAL: \$28,000

Amounts Used From the 2nd Funds Update to 3rd Funds Update:

- Food Supply for the Lighthouse Cafe Patrons = \$4,694.70
- Electricity to Operate Facility = \$1,639.77
- Ella's Closet = \$1,348.13
Expenses as Outlined to the right

Item	Vendor	Cost	Date
Baby Bassinett	Treasures for Hope	\$ 17.00	6/10/17
Drinks/Snacks (Water Day)	WalMart	\$ 57.74	6/14/17
Sewing Machine Storage Bags	Bealls	\$ 29.94	6/26/17
Breast Pumps (5-used)	Angie Lewis	\$ 515.00	7/20/17
Breast Milk Storage Bags - 3	Target	\$ 17.97	7/19/17
Little Remedies Baby Meds - 7	Target	\$ 60.33	7/19/17
Nursing Pads - 3	Target	\$ 15.19	7/19/17
Breast Pump Parts - 3	Target	\$ 45.87	7/19/17
Membranes for Pumps - 2	Target	\$ 13.38	7/19/17
Breast Shields - 3	Target	\$ 45.45	7/19/17
Breast Feeding Supplies - 3	Target	\$ 29.97	7/19/17
Pump Valves - 2	Target	\$ 13.38	7/19/17
Breast Pumps Acces. - 2	Target	\$ 109.98	7/19/17
Car Seat/Stroller Combo - 3	Target	\$ 251.94	7/19/17
Breast Pump - 1 New	Target	\$ 99.99	7/19/17
Diaper Cake for Donation	Becky Miller	\$ 25.00	8/15/17
		\$ 1,348.13	



To date, we have collectively utilized \$24,035.38 of the \$28,000 awarded to impact the many lives throughout the Western Glades Community. There is a total of \$3,964.62 in remaining funds available for use, which is the remaining funds of the \$8,000 planned for use by Ella's Closet.

Collectively, we are extremely grateful for this amazing blessing and are beyond appreciative for the generous people who come together to make the Great Charity Challenge possible.





15th place: Children's Case Management Org, Inc. (dba Families First of PB County)

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.familiesfirstpbc.org>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$26,000

Therapeutic Services: 53 families served consisting of 108 children and 68 adults. Eight additional families were opened this quarter which consisted of 11 children and 17 adults.

Client Story:

This quarter, we have been working with a family that immigrated to the United States from El Salvador. The family consists of a mother, and her two children: a son who is six years old, and a 14 year old daughter. The case was referred to the Behavioral Health Program at Families First for the daughter and son after it was assessed that the children were having difficulties adjusting to living in the U.S. following their traumatic and harrowing migration process. It was also learned that the daughter had attempted suicide, was Baker Acted, and had been hospitalized. Following a second attempted suicide, the mother and her children were referred to Boys Town for Care Coordination and Boys Town in turn referred the daughter to Families First for behavioral health services. The mother and children in this family have endured severe and repeated traumatic events and their symptoms substantiate this. The mother had endured severe abuse and violence at the hands of her husband back in El Salvador and the daughter had witnessed this violence. The daughter admits that her father used to hit her, but did not beat or abuse her like he did her mother. The daughter thought that her fears and anxiety would “disappear” after they migrated to the United States, but it appears that these feelings only got worse. The actual migration process left the client feeling fearful, nervous, anxious and hyper-vigilant. When the therapist started working with the daughter, she admitted to “still thinking of wanting to hurt herself”, and would not open up to the therapist (was very guarded). She would not demonstrate any emotions and was very dismissive about her feelings and emotions. Recently, and as recent as last week, the client appeared ready to express some stories about her experiences, and to express some emotions with respect to her experiences. She has also started to open up more and more to her mother about her fears and thoughts and has admitted that she no longer thinks about hurting herself, thinks about living safely in the U.S., and about moving on with their lives. The client was thinking of discontinuing her counseling, but has decided to continue because she recognizes how much it is helping her and her mother.



Putting Kids First: Back to School Bash – July 29, 2017

(All families served through the Behavioral Health Services were able to bring their children to receive school supplies for the upcoming school year).





16th: Palm Beach Habilitation Center

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.PBHAB.com

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$27,000

We received \$27,000 of funding on March 16, 2017. During the period from June 10, 2017 through September 9, 2017 (61 business days), we utilized \$6,720 of those funds to serve 41 unduplicated clients (on average 17 clients per day) and provide them with 1,922 free meals (generally one breakfast and one lunch per day per client served).

Meet one of our clients receiving this assistance.

Manny

Manny is one of the Palm Beach Habilitation Center's clients with an intellectual disability who lives with his family in a small home with his mother and father, three sisters, and two brothers. Presently, he is enrolled in the Food Service Employment Training Program on campus that is preparing him for community employment in the food service industry. His Food Service Training Supervisor has noted that when Manny first entered the program he was extremely shy and didn't speak to anyone unless asked. Today, he is more outgoing, smiles readily and is willing to help at a moment's notice. His cafeteria duties started out in dishwashing and now he is in the process of learning food preparation. This invaluable training is truly a step toward his independence and has helped increase his social skills tremendously. Through this program that includes Supported Meals, funded in part by the Great Charity Challenge, Manny is able to get his meals during his training period provided to him. The free meals has helped Manny to meet his family's financial needs in that the money he saves can be used to provide healthier food choices for his family and new work clothes for Manny!



17th place: Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.goldcoastdownsyndrome.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$24,000



Summer at Gold Coast was filled with activities, including the expansion of our infant-toddler music program to all ages, a special game day for school age children, expanded adult programming, weeks of "sprucing up" our Resource Center, hours of planning for our fall children's programming and individualized meetings with parents regarding their children's school placements.



The Learning Program (LP)

Learning Program classes were all set to resume in the fall, with nearly 80



families and children ages 3 through 19 enrolled for the monthly Saturday sessions. Over the summer, teachers spent hours on curriculum development. Parent volunteers came in and created learning materials to be sent home with families. Lake Worth High School students were recruited and ready to serve as teacher assistants. And then Irma blew away our plans. We had to cancel our first session. But we are all set for the 2017-2018 school year, and looking forward to rolling out our program in October.

Educational Advocacy



Our Gold Coast Education Director had planning meetings over the summer (on an average of 3-4 a week) with parents whose children were entering pre-k, kindergarten or in need of a different school placement.

There was also a IEP Paperwork Organizing Night in August to help families make sure that all the necessary materials were in place for parents to advocate successfully for their children.

Throughout the summer, the Education Director attended the Tunes for Tots Infants and Toddler Program and worked individually with parents to prepare them for their children's entry into pre-school.

Exceptional Educators

Dates for the fall teacher education workshops were set for September 7th and 14th. The Holiday Inn West Palm Beach was booked as the location, the School District of Palm Beach County had agreed to pay for substitute teachers and nearly 50 educators had confirmed attendance when Irma arrived. We are evaluating how to reschedule.



18th place: THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF BOCA RATON

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.JLBR.org>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$23,500.00

The mission of the Junior League of Boca Raton's Community Garden is to cultivate the spirit of community and enhance quality of life by creating and sustaining an organic garden of vegetables, flowers, plants, and trees.

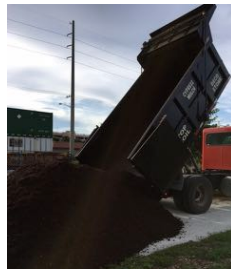
- Expansion of the **Wildflower Walk** (budget \$5,000): to include more native wildflowers and shrubbery with durable signage that identifies the species and importance to the ecological systems. We are working with our native plant grower, to design an enlarged wildflower and native plant collection on the site. Native coontie plants would circle existing plants and they will attract the very interesting red/black Atala butterflies, which are threatened by development. We will design simple signage throughout the wildflower section for education purposes. We will also require additional irrigation and maintenance for the enhanced foliage in the garden. We



will enlarge the area in the same circular design with native shrubs at the outer edge, filling in towards the boundary with Library Commons. Plants of interest to add to the Wildflower Walk will include Beautyberry (deciduous shrub noted for its brightly colored, tightly clustered berries), Simpson's Stopper (springtime flowering, colorful berries, and evergreen leaves) and Jamaica Caper (hedge plant), just to name a few.

- **Food Forest** expansion (budget \$5,000): we require more fruit bearing foliage, trees, herbs and vegetables plants. Permaculture shows us that if we design using observation and bio-mimicry of nature, land can be restored to an abundance that supports all living things.
 - Recommendations for the expansion of the food forest (per Lynn Russell – Master Gardener) include:
 - Add banana trees and papayas to expand the banana and papaya circles. Organic papayas are preferred since a lot of papayas are genetically modified.
 - Add a few Meyer lemons and a couple of key limes to introduce some citrus.
 - We have carambolas that are not in the food forest but we would like to add a couple inside.
 - Mamey sapote would be a good addition.
 - Other tropical options include fruit trees in pairs or threes; would offer more for the pollinators when they bloom. The only concern would be the trees getting too big or that they struggle for a long time and may never get acclimated. We would prefer that the trees grow up with the system.

Building a **Hydroponic Garden System** (budget \$13,500): to serve as a teaching garden to provide instruction for children and adults on how to grow produce and manage a garden using energy and space efficient technology. The hydroponic garden produces several times the amount of edible vegetables than a similarly sized soil garden would be able to produce, due to highly efficient delivery of nutrients and space-saving design.



*The Bushel Stop delivered the organic soil for the Wildflower Walk, Food Forest expansion and plots on September 1st.
The soil was covered with a tarp after delivery.*

The garden fosters environmental sustainability and stewardship, advances horticultural and nutritional education, provides a beautiful and natural retreat, and produces a healthy supplemental food source for its gardeners and the hungry in our community. With this grant, the JLBR is working on **expanding** the pounds donated through the gardener produce donations and food drive events held at the garden from 1,200 pounds towards our long-term target of 2,000 pounds annually.



19th place: The Soup Kitchen of Boynton Beach

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.thesoupkitchen.org>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$23,000

We have put these funds to use in our Meals on Wheels program for low income, homebound seniors throughout Boynton Beach. The first part of 2017 brought an influx of requests in for this service, taking us to a waiting list. In an effort to ensure service to the seniors with the least access to other resources and in the most severe need, our Program Coordinator went through our entire roster of meal recipients to re-evaluate everyone and re-register them for the program. Additional volunteers were needed to complete these deliveries and to take over in the summer when many volunteers go on vacation. We used funds to help offset the expenses of volunteer recruitment and training, as well as to pay for more materials needed to supply the meals to the recipients.

The Soup Kitchen was instrumental in assisting a number of our homebound seniors in preparing for Hurricane Irma through our Program Coordinator, that your funds helped pay for and numerous volunteers. For those in safe locations, we provided hurricane emergency kits with flashlights, magnifying glasses, canned food items, ensure and a case of water. For those in more need, we communicated with family near and far to be sure they were able to assist the senior. In many cases our volunteers helped to secure homes and visited with our clients right before the storm to ease anxiety. We also checked in as soon as we were able, bringing food and making sure they were safe with access to air conditioning. Without our MOW program, many of these people would have struggled. *Pictured- one of our wonderful volunteer.*



20th place: The Arc of The Glades, Inc.

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.arcglades.org>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$22,500

Great Charity Challenge funds have been an essential infusion of funds to our under-funded but essential Community-Inclusion/Employment Simulation Project. The experiences garnered in this program give the participants hands-on experience in community settings, experience that better prepares them for success in community employment. We are pleased to report that during the 3rd quarter a client formerly in this program was able to secure community employment. We are certain that her potential for success was markedly enhanced by her participation and learning experience in the Employment Simulation Project. Thanks to support from the Great Charity Challenge, she and others in the program develop skills essential for success!



Clients working at the Food Bank in Pahokee, sorting Produce and prepping Family Food Packs



Clients assisting Lighthouse Café Soup Kitchen to feed the hungry and clean their facility in Belle Glade.



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FUNDS RECEIVED: \$22,000



22nd place: Helping Hands Assistance Program, Inc.

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.helpinghandspbc.org>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$21,500

On July 4, 2017, Helping Hands Assistance Program educated the public about freedom from starvation at the Greenacres "Ignite the Night" event. More than 8,000 people attended the event. Information was given regarding our food assistance program for seniors, family and emergency needs. Each child received a small patriotic goodie to celebrate the event. Those who stopped by our booth learned about our Thanksgiving and Holiday Programs.



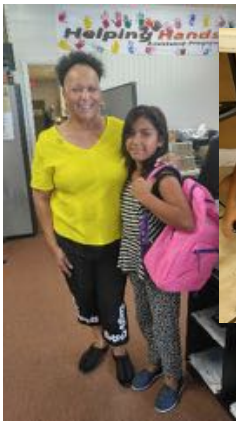
Our I.N.S.I.S.T. Program (Increasing Nutrition Stability in Seniors Training) serves senior citizens age 62 and older. Many senior citizens cannot afford to eat with rising food, medical and household costs. Helping Hands Assistance Program provides low income seniors with healthy produce, meat, bread and additional food to create many meals. I.N.S.I.S.T. targets nutrition in our seniors. Once a month, they are educated on healthy eating. Our volunteers regularly assess our seniors. If needed and requested, we direct our seniors to community resources such as food stamps, Medicaid, recreation, medical equipment and other assistance in the county.

Helping Hands Assistance Program, along with Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department gave out backpacks full of school paper, binders, pencils, erasers, glue, crayons, markers, folders and highlighters. Children were delighted to receive needed school supplies. Partnering in low income areas of Palm Beach County we provided services along with backpacks and school supplies like haircuts, child car seat replacements and more.



GREAT CHARITY CHALLENGE

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23rd place: The Glades Initiative, Inc.

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.gladesinitiative.org>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$26,000 (\$21,000 + \$5,000 costume bonus)

Navigation: Assisting clients with access to benefits

This third quarter, April through June 2017, The Glades Initiative assisted a total of 760 clients with assistance in applying for benefits from the Department of Children and Families. Of the 760 assisted, 692 (91%) received a service. There were 516 clients who received Medicaid and 496 clients who received SNAP benefits valuing a total of \$317,579 dollars towards putting food on the table.

Communications:

Eblast

The Glades Initiative Eblast (Weekly email) was sent out for 13 of the 13 weeks in this quarter. Each of the 13 weekly emails was a compilation of information submitted by and distributed for local residents and service providers. A minimum of 2,175 individual email subscribers were on the distribution list each week. This resulted in a total of 4,681 opens and 1,206 clicks with an average of 360 opens per week and 93 clicks per week. (Constant Contact - reported on 8.16.17)

Outreach Activities

The Glades Initiative has engaged in over 9 outreach events that reached more than 366 residents (possible duplication) to educate them about both our services and other services in the community for which they may be eligible.

Trainings:

Financial Literacy Trainings

In the third quarter (April - June), The Glades Initiative completed two sessions of Financial Literacy training here at our office, in our training room. We offered two sessions, one in Spanish and one in Haitian Creole.

The first training this quarter, held in April was conducted in Spanish with 18 residents participating. All 18 demonstrated an improvement in knowledge about banking, checking, and credit cards, among other subjects. The second training, held in June conducted in Haitian Creole, had 9 residents participate, all of whom demonstrated an improvement in knowledge on the subject of owning their own home. Participants were fully engaged in learning, asking many questions, participating in a group dialogue, and promising to take the knowledge back to their families.



Classes were led by our staff, and provided a basic banking framework, followed up by more complex banking subjects such as predatory lending practices and diversified investment options. The curriculum is based on the FDIC's Money Smart program.

Glades Area Food Bank

The Glades Initiative increased access to and availability of nutritious food by providing food supplies to member agencies of the Glades Area Food Bank. During the reporting period, we allocated food to member agencies in accordance with the average number of individuals served by agency (i.e. pantries serving larger number of households get more food than pantries serving smaller number of households).

From April through June 2017, our Glades Area Food Bank supported 14 member food distribution sites, including two on-site feeding centers. Those sites provided 6,993 Households (duplicated) with food, serving 24,185 extended family members within those households (duplicated). In addition, our soup kitchens/on-site feeding centers served 11,110 meals. The total value of food purchased and distributed by The Glades Initiative for the period is \$25,053.00.

On the more personal note, we had several kids benefit from donations of back to school back packs!



24th place: The Rotary Club of Wellington Foundation, Inc.

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.wellingtonrotary.org>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$20,500

We have used the funds received to increase our programs and expand on existing ones. We are using the funds in the following categories:

- 1) Literacy- Our Dictionaries to school's program to promote literacy in the Wellington schools will completed by late October 2017.
- 2) Scholarships- We have provided over \$10,000 so far, this year to students from Wellington schools for college scholarships. The criteria for the scholarships includes community service and academic performance.
- 3) School lunch program- We are currently working with Palm Beach School District to support their student lunch program monetary shortfall. This is ongoing and will be continued for the 2017--2018 school year.
- 4) Outreach- We have expanded our outreach to area disadvantaged in terms of food delivery and basic supplies for PB County school children (sneakers/school uniforms/underwear/back packs etc).



25th place: Equestrian Aid Foundation

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.EquestrianAidFoundation.org>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$20,000.00

We are pleased to provide you with the third update as to how the funds our fantastic team and corporate sponsors of Kerkorian Treacy and Palm Beach Equine are being put to use to continue to help benefit our Palm Beach County recipients:

Joe - suffers from a syndrome that consumes his whole body in debilitating pain on a daily basis from an injury he incurred while shoeing a horse. Your generous gift continues to help Joe provide for his family by keeping food on their table and being able to remain in their home. Always thankful, Joe states, "there but for the grace of God go I."

Jack - in my last update, I stated that Jack had recently returned home from an extensive hospital stay for congestive heart failure. His health remains about the same, however due to lack of mobility and balance, he requires more nursing care and medications. It is the funds that you provided us with that help take care of Jack's daily needs.

Rob - his road to recovery has been astounding, especially when considering how much Rob's health has improved. The love and support of his family and the funds provided by the Equestrian Aid Foundation for the numerous types of therapies and skilled care helped Rob recover to the extent he has. He is more determined than ever to be self-supporting. Your generous support has provided these much needed therapies so that he can.

Christine - 2016 was not a good year for this life-long horsewoman. Multiple injuries had her sidelined to the extent that she could not work, thus making life quite difficult for her and her adult, disabled son. But Christine's can-do determination and multiple equestrian and other professional skills helped her land a position in Wellington as a barn manager in just a few short months. As a result, she no longer needs our assistance. Christine knows that riding and teaching have provided her with life lessons that have led her on her road to recovery, "I have to look at what happened to me like I look at riding -- the only way to get better is to sit up straight, throw your shoulders back and keep your chin up."

Andy - Pending Recipient - is currently in the final phases of the review process. Andy suffers from stage 4 cancer that has metastasized to his lungs, liver, lymph nodes, and bones. "His recovery so far has been nothing short of miraculous", states his wife. They attribute his current condition to traditional and alternative therapies and medications, a positive attitude, and love and support from all who surround them. And now thanks to you, more support is forthcoming for Andy and his wife to continue the road ahead.

I'm relieved to include that all our Palm Beach County recipients survived the ravages of Hurricane Irma with no injuries to themselves and their families. One recipient suffered some damage to his roof when a tree fell on it. However other than that, no one suffered damage to their home and property.

I mentioned our new motto in our last update, "Show You Care". You have indeed shown how much you care! Our recipients like Rob and Christine could not possibly recover the way they have without the care that you've shown. And our other recipients who need a little bit more of a helping hand ... you have been there throughout to show you care to help them maintain their homes, their health and their dignity. We are immensely grateful for all that all of you do!



26th place: JARC Florida

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.jarcfl.org>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$19,500

JARC has expanded our Community Works Job Training Sites. We now have groups of clients at Farmer's Table, TJ Maxx, Marshall's, The Cheesecake Factory, Grand Luxe Café, The Polo Club, Woodfield Country Club, Addison Reserve Country Club and KMART.

The goal for our program is for these work sites to hire our clients. Here are 4 recent success stories:

Mark McClure: After only a few short weeks was hired for their Customer Service Position. He works in the receiving department and he also works the floor stocking the shelves and cleaning.

Curtis Dierker: He was hired 3 days a week to be a utility dishwasher at Woodfield Country Club's dining room and restaurants.

Marsha Hudson: She is the Chief Napkin Folder at The Cheesecake Factory! She was hired 2-3 days a week. She is responsible for keeping her stock of napkins plentiful, folding them according to the Cheesecake Factories requirements then placing them in the cabinets throughout the restaurant for the wait staff to grab to place on tables. She also rolls silverware when needed.

Guido Casorla: Farmer's Table recently hired Guido to be the silverware roller. His tasks start with getting the silverware, making sure it is washed twice, and then he brings it to his station where he polishes all of the silverware. Once it is polished he sorts it and then folds the napkins to begin rolling the silverware.

27th place: Horses Healing Hearts, Inc.

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.hhhusa.org>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$21,000

Our goal was to increase our participation numbers to 100 children in 2017. Unfortunately, we are still a little short of this goal so far in the year 2017. However, the great news is that we have increased our program participants by 12 new children in the last 2 ½ months. Funds from this grant have allowed us to scholarship those children whose families are unable to pay our very small monthly dues. One special story includes us bringing in 2 children whom just moved down from Philadelphia, so their mother can attempt to get on the right path. Both children have suffered tremendously from adjustment disorder, including isolation, withdrawing and extreme difficulty making friends. Since their recent enrollment in HHH, they have begun to open up and slowing make new friends in their new community. It is especially heart-warming to see these lonely kids start to build a new home and group of positive role models.





Horses Healing Hearts has a goal of also opening a 2nd location, allowing us to help even more in-need and at risk children in Palm Beach County. We have all been made keenly aware of the opiate crisis in our communities and the children are the silent sufferers of this epidemic. The funds received gives Horses Healing Hearts the means to increase our capacity building for so many whose parents suffer from alcoholism and substance abuse disorder.

We had found incredible success in our Mentor Program for our participants over the age of 12. Our staff and volunteers have been able to see first-hand the positive difference this program is making. We have distributed a portion of the Great Charity Challenge funds to growing our Mentor Program. Our ability to increase the number of “mentors” has allowed for individual pairing with each child, giving them a positive role model to reach out to at any time. In addition, the funds allowed us to expand our Mentor Program through the summer months, giving our “mentees” continued guidance and support during the entire year.

We are beyond grateful for all the amazing things the Great Charity Challenge has done not only for Horses Healing Hearts but for so many non-profits in Palm Beach County.

28th place: Palm Beach County Motorcyclists Toys For Tots, Inc.

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.pbtoyrun.com>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$18,500.00

All of our efforts usually revolve around the Holidays but following Hurricane Irma, we felt that we needed to do something to help. We packed up our mobile kitchen (including fresh meat and food), cooker and went to Big Pine Key. We cooker and served 10,000 meals in an 8 day period at the Big Pine Flea Market site.

The Coalition of Hope put up tents to receive and hand out donations and we used one tent to serve the meals at. It was life changing to be able to help those that had lost everything and in some cases hadn't had a meal in days.

We not only fed the storm survivors but the linemen and search and rescue teams that were out down to dark and literally we were the only place feeding real meals...hot meals for days until larger groups were able to get organized enough to help those poor people. Thanks to our winnings we had a bit of cash to buy perishables and were able to make a huge difference when it was so desperately needed.



We will be meeting on October 4 to start planning this year's Toys for Tots drive. Our event is scheduled for December 10, 2017.



29th place: Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.literacyabc.org>

FUNDS RECEIVED: 18,000

The funds were used to teach adults in our Village Readers Family Education program how to read and speak English. It also helped their elementary school age children improve their reading skills.

YOUR DONATION AT WORK:

Immacula S. was not able to attend school in Haiti beyond the second grade because, as she said, “There just aren’t any schools in Haiti that we could afford.” Her dedication to education is admirable. Her attendance in the Village Readers program is among the highest, despite working full-time and having several health issues. During the summer, Immacula received recognition at her job for being an exemplary employee. She was so proud that she understood many of the words on her review sheet including “efficient” and hard worker.” She was even presented to the president of her company for her outstanding work.

We hold monthly PACT (Parent and Child Together) activities so that the parents and children can learn together. In August, healthy eating was the focus of the evening. Centered on the book *Gregory the Terrible Eater*, the activities included a healthy eating board game, a relay race with a hard-boiled egg on a spoon, a craft station and squeezing fresh orange juice. The evening closed with children interviewing their parents about what they eat and how they can improve their diets. Everyone went home with a list of good food choices, healthy recipes and their own copy of *Gregory the Terrible Eater*.

30th place: Cancer Alliance of Help and Hope, Inc.

CHARITY WEBSITE: WWW.CAHH.ORG

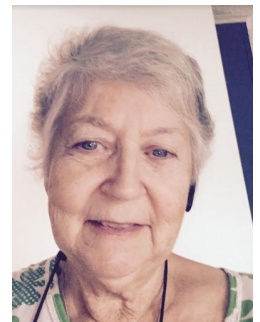
FUNDS RECEIVED: \$17,500

As 100% of the funds received were spent during the first quarter, here are two of our client stories so that you may see firsthand the direct impact it has had.

Carol W. is 74 years old from Palm Beach Gardens. Carol spent the last 20 years of her life volunteering with the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office. She was diagnosed with Breast Cancer and Pulmonary Fibrosis. She reluctantly called CAHH after having her electric turned off. Carol is on oxygen 24/7 which became a life threatening situation that added additional stress and a financial burden to her life. Thanks to Great Charity Challenge and the Quantum

Foundation, we were able to pay Carol’s rent for two months and helped her with the utility bill.

Dylan C is 11 months from Lake Worth with Neuroblastoma Cancer. The mother is not working to care for her son and the father lost his job. While the father is looking for work, they are staying with a relative and paying \$600 a month in rent and utilities. Thanks to the Great Charity Challenge, we paid two month’s rent for the family and helped them with their utilities bill. Dylan is being treated at Children’s Oncology at Palm West Hospital.





31st place: Wellington PTO/PTA/PTSA

CHARITY WEBSITE: <https://www.edline.net/Index.page>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$17,000 to be split between the 12 schools

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE ANNUALLY: 15,000 students plus teaching staff

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for allowing us to be part of such a fantastic event. The schools of Wellington are so grateful for the support you have given us for the last 7 years. The middle and elementary school students have benefitted each year with classroom support and upgrades to technology. Our two high schools have used the funds to supplement Project Graduation, a lockdown event free of alcohol and drugs to keep our seniors safe on graduation night.

The PTA's, PTO's, PTSA's and PG's of Wellington thank you on behalf of our Principals and especially all the students that will benefit from the funds.

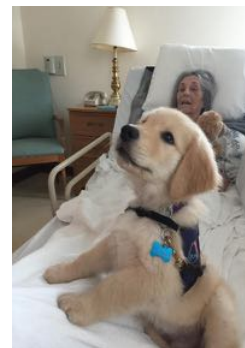
32nd place: Genesis Assistance Dogs, Inc.

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.genesisassistancedogsinc.org>

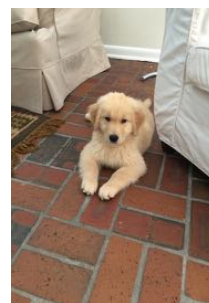
FUNDS RECEIVED: \$16,500

Genesis Assistance Dogs, Inc. has been blessed in this past year to be able to begin assistance dog training on our 2 newest additions to the family.

Lake joined us at the age of 8 weeks old a little over a year ago. He was presented to us as a gift in memory of a patron's son; selected from a litter from one of our preferred breeders, he is a fabulous addition to the program. We immediately fell in love with this fluffy bundle of energy who is smart as a whip and so very eager to learn. Training Director Jennifer Bielen immediately set to work teaching Lake age appropriate and basic commands. His first puppy raisers reported that Lake was easy to housetrain and was mastering the doggy door in no time. In the past 6 months Lake was placed with his second puppy raising family who have continued to socialize him with other dogs and animals in addition to him participating in the daily routine of a very busy family. The training Lake receives now is more demanding and targeted to help him successfully work towards the goal of passing the Canine Good Citizen tests. He still has a little more than a year to go until he'll be ready for pairing with his human companion, but there is no doubt in our mind he will be the answer to someone's prayers.



In June 2017 Genesis purchased Oliver. As you can see, Oliver is the quintessential Golden Retriever puppy. He is clever, spunky, a touch mischievous, and anxious to please. Oliver came from our other preferred breeder and has stolen our hearts. He has grown tremendously in the past few months and we believe he will be a big boy. While we never compare our dogs to one another, we must say that Oliver learned just as quickly as Lake, and was using the doggy door very quickly. Oliver now





resides with his second puppy raiser and is continuing his diligent training with Jen. For one so young he is doing an amazing job acquiring new skills. He is very affectionate and loves to spend time with Lake and Eagle.

Our dogs are never too young to pay a visit to a nursing home. Oliver was so eager to bring joy at the age of 10 weeks old.



Our puppy raisers and clients often visit with one another and our dogs are so happy to be surrounded by kindred spirits. Here's a shot of Lake and Oliver visiting with the Eagle's. Below is an adorable shot of Lake and Eagle – Easter Bunny wannabe's.

Genesis Assistance Dogs, Inc. continues to provide training and service to our clients' thanks in great part to the funds received from the Great Charity Challenge, and for that we are most grateful.



33rd place: Farmworker Coordinating Council of Palm Beach County, Inc.

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.farmworkercouncil.org>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$16,000

At this time we have spent 100% of the funds. Half of the funds (\$8,000) were used to cover some of our operational cost such as occupancy cost, utilities, phones, insurance, office supplies, etc. The other \$8,000 were used to provide specific assistance to individuals such as purchasing food, toiletries, diapers, emergency rental or utility assistance, etc. By providing these items on an ongoing basis, we were able to help hundreds of families to lower their expenses and become financially stable. We are extremely grateful for the support received from the Great Charity Challenge.

34th place: Take Stock in Children

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.TakeStockPalmBeach.org>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$15,500

Funds received were matched dollar-for-dollar by a private foundation, doubling our GCC funds towards benefiting underprivileged youth in PBC. Students participating in the Take Stock in Children program received ongoing college guidance, educational planning, and academic advising while enrolled in college. Our College Retention Coaches aim to increase college retention rates and foster a more structured and "hands on" approach that help gear college students towards postsecondary success.

SUCCESS STORY:

Ryan is an astounding young man with a lot of heart and ambition. His drive and determination to continue no matter what hardships he faces is always such a great thing to see in a young college student. Ryan's dream has always been to help others by becoming a police officer, while in high school he was involved with the Palm Beach Sheriff's Explorers



Program. In 2013, he graduated from Palm Beach Lakes High and enrolled into Palm Beach State College, with the goal of transferring to FAU's School of Criminology and Criminal Justice program and becoming a law officer. Once enrolled into college Ryan went through a lot of difficulties navigating through the college system. His original plan of transferring to FAU was compromised due to issues with advising and not being familiar with course selections, which in turn resulted in unnecessary classes and costs. But instead of giving up, Ryan reached out to Take Stock in Children and shared his distress, our College Retention Department immediately stepped in to help. A success plan was prepared for Ryan to help him transition into FAU and our contacts at FAU introduced Ryan to their Urban Male Initiative, a male mentoring organization on campus. With the help of our College Retention Department, FAU and the Urban Male Initiative Ryan was now receiving the support services he needed in order to succeed in college! Ryan graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy and is now a Police Officer with the Jupiter Police Department. Ryan praises the program and the support that was given to him during his difficult times.



There are many students like Ryan that struggle to navigate the college system, but thanks to our supporters and partners students like Ryan gain the support and assistance they need to succeed! Take Stock in Children's goal is to continue to help guide students like Ryan every step of the way and we look forward to having more success stories like his each year.

Pictured Left to Right is Ryan Ferguson with Brandon Carroll (TSIC College Retention Director)

35th place: Jeff Industries, Inc

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.jeffindustries.org>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$15,000

Your grant monies are being used by Matt, Jamaiya and Neil (picture here) to learn wood-working skills and installation techniques like the sign being installed in the photo for "The Pines" neighborhood in Wellington, FL. Learning work skills, appropriate workplace behavior and understanding their own personal barriers to employment, they take pride in their achievements and, ultimately, themselves.

The grant funds received from the Great Charity Challenge continue to assist Jeff Industries purchase training materials, sign-making materials and to pay small, modest wages to persons who suffer severe and persistent mental illnesses.

Thirty-eight participants had the opportunity to improve their barriers for competitive employment through our agency owned businesses. They participated in the development and manufacturing of products.



For over 31 years, Jeff Industries continues to help adults and youth integrate into the community by providing social, leisure, networking, employment and affordable housing so that they can live a productive and stable life and have a "reason to wake up in the morning".



ADDITIONAL GRANTS FUND USE:

CHARITY NAME: Place of Hope, Inc.

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.placeofhope.com

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$25,000 "Outstanding Charity Award"

As a growing non-profit organization in a challenging economy, our programs are increasing in response to the need for comprehensive child welfare programs in Palm Beach County; however, there are still many children who are being placed out of county because the local child welfare system is over-capacity as well as many youth who are transitioning out of foster care, have been emancipated from foster care, or are homeless. In order to continue to meet this growing need, we need help with our general operating support. While we rely on community donations to run all of our programs, we hope to continue to partner with initiatives like yours in order to meet the desperate needs in our community by sharing God's love and placing hope in their lives - one child and family at a time!



Josh would describe himself as talkative, curious about the world around him, and an avid sports fan. His future is bright and promising but it hasn't always been that way. Josh grew up in an extremely abusive home. His younger sisters received the brunt of the abuse and confided in Josh. In a desperate attempt to rescue his sisters from harm, Josh sought outside help from a family member who called the authorities. He and his two sisters were removed from their home and brought to live at Place of Hope. He recalls being amazed that he and his sisters were able to stay together in a place where they were loved and cared for by complete strangers. At 17, he was nearly an "adult" and had a difficult time adjusting to the new structured environment until his cottage "Dad" reached out and connected with him.

Never before had he experienced such love and acceptance from an adult. During his time at Place of Hope, Josh was mentored by a few older gentlemen who made a lasting impact on his life. As a result of their influence on him, Josh currently works with the youth at his church as a way of giving back. Josh says, "Without Place of Hope, I'd be dead or in jail." He is a special young man full of ambition and a passion for mentoring youth; he aspires to become police officer to help and protect those in need. Watch his Story of Hope [here](#).

CHARITY NAME: YMCA of South Palm Beach County

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.ymcaspbc.org>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$7,500

Great Charity Challenge funds have provided amazing opportunity for local Y Teens this year. Spring's teen celebration and day of service at our Boca campus brought out 300 middle and high school students who boxed food packages to feed



approximately 108,864 people. We enjoyed a successful launch of the Y Leader's Club at our DeVos-Blum Family YMCA of Boynton Beach, with 25 members and nearing our goal of 40.

In June, remaining GCC funds sent 16 exemplary teens from our Y Leader's Club to attend the week-long Blue Ridge Leaders School in Black Mountain, NC, our largest group yet to attend. This annual national conference explores each individual's potential for learning through leadership and physical fitness. Each young adult pledges to uphold and honor a code of conduct that encourages building leadership skills through compassion and service to others.

Highlights included leadership courses and YMCA basic education classes, which not only build future YMCA professionals, but also build our future leaders. The school offered classes in YMCA lifeguarding, working with 5 to 11-year-old children, character development, leadership courses (by age), sports clinicals, the Science of Fitness, and working with special populations. This is just a short list of the amazing classes and opportunities teens experienced at Blue Ridge Leaders School.

Great Charity Challenge funding was the catalyst for reaching new goals in our Y teen programming this year. Our staff and teen leaders are grateful for expanded opportunities in learning and service. We are confident the program is inspiring life-long commitment to improving the quality of life for everyone in our shared communities. The Y and our Teens express deep gratitude for your support.

We believe this personal note from a teen leader expresses best how the program helps develop the spirit of our young people at a very pivotal time in their lives:

My name is Magda Palej. I am 16 years old and this past summer was my first year attending Blue Ridge Leaders School. Blue Ridge is a place where I can truly be myself and not worry about being judged. People you didn't know at first become life-long friends. It truly is a magical experience you cannot get anywhere else and I am grateful I got the opportunity to attend.

Blue Ridge Leaders School PHOTOS:





CHARITY NAME: Feed the Hungry Pantry

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.feedthehungryvillagebaptist.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$5,000

The Great Charity Challenge grant was key to us feeding thousands of hungry neighbors early in the year when our bank account was exhausted from the holidays and there were few financial donors.

Your generous gift helped us sign up more than 250 new families for almost 100 lbs. of vegetables, fruits, bread, meat and canned goods given away monthly. We started the year feeding about 1,400 families a month and now are beyond 1,750 a month. Please click on the following link to see a mother's gratitude, knowing that she was able to feed her family: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BwULMUuAFyk>



Highlights from early in the year when your gift was spent include:

- We added several new families with disabilities to our 60+ deliveries,



At our largest senior center, we added bags of groceries such as oatmeal, tuna, rice and chicken soup to the bread we had been sharing,

We began delivering food to a camp for special needs teens and picking up and delivering food for their backpack program so the youth also can take food home for their families on the weekend,



- At an agency that gives food to families dealing with at least one disability, we helped them get a grant for a refrigerator/freezer and now they can give away meat, produce, milk, eggs and butter.
- In addition to food, we gave away blow-up beds to several agencies plus paper and plastic supplies

A Story About Desperate Mothers & Their Children

On a Sunday we got a request from a mom who had to leave her husband, and she and her 3 kids were sleeping on the floor of a sparse apartment.

We quickly gave them inflatable mattresses and then put out the word to our volunteers to see if anyone could donate a queen bed with box springs and a frame. The mother said they could all sleep together in one bed.

Within 12 hours we had a queen bed for the mother and another for the kids and a volunteer who works at a local Serta store got a third new bed for another mom who has 4 kids.

Then volunteers brought sheets, pillows and school supplies.

Irma's Impact

We also wanted to share a couple of photos from our recent hurricane relief work in which we distributed tens of tons of ice, water, MREs, produce and meat to tens of thousands of local families without power and food after Irma. Last week alone we delivered 8 tons of eggs, milk, OJ, yogurt and cheese to families still struggling after the storm.

What we are working with today: Veterans Collecting Cans to Buy Gas So They Can Get Food and Other Stories



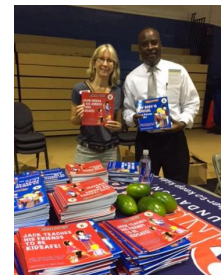
Three veterans came together on a Saturday to register for free food because only one of them had a vehicle. As they filled out paperwork, one of them shared that they collected aluminum cans to sell at a recycling center to get enough gas to drive to the church to sign up. And when they found out that they were getting food every month they literally started dancing. Eight other veterans registered, too, that day. No group has even been more respectful and less entitled or in such desperate, pitiful shape as the veterans asking us for food. They are barely surviving in our community. Hungry, sick, alone.

CHARITY NAME: KidSafe Foundation

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.kidsafefoundation.org>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$5,000

Each year KidSafe has the privilege of participating in the Community Back to School Bash – Health and Safety Fair in Delray Beach. This summer The Great Charity Challenge grant gave us the opportunity to expand our community reach to the Back to School Bash in Belle Glade. The Back to School Bash was hosted by Bridges of Belle Glade – and took place in a community gymnasium. KidSafe staff and volunteers hosted a resource table and provided 1100 KidSafe Books to participating families, as well as to the two local elementary schools. We spent the day speaking directly with families about tips to keep children safe. We also had a Spanish speaking volunteer. Each family received the two KidSafe children’s books – My Body is Special and Belongs to Me and Jack Teaches His Friends To be KidSafe. Books were provided in English, Spanish or Creole. The grant specifically funded these books which are 32-page full color bound children’s books which are geared to support families having the important conversations with their children about making safe and smart choices, general personal safety rules, and where to go to access help. Each book has a section for adults answering questions such as – when do I start teaching my child about their personal safety, when do I teach my child the proper name for their body parts, who are the types of people that harm children and how can I better protect my children from becoming a victim. While at the event we met hundreds of families, the Mayor, local law enforcement, and other supportive organizations in the community. All received KidSafe resources.





GRAND PRIX SOCIETY: ZIEGLER FAMILY FOUNDATION GRANTS

CHARITY NAME: Adopt-A-Family of the Palm Beaches, Inc.

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.aafpbc.org>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$5,000

The entire award generously given to Adopt-A-Family by the Zeigler Family Foundation was designated to support Project Grow, the agency's afterschool and summer program for elementary school children from homeless and impoverished households. Project Grow aims to address and reverse the debilitating effects of homelessness and poverty through a holistic curriculum that includes engaging academic lessons, one-on-one tutoring, mental health services, life-enriching experiences, access to a computer lab, academic advising, parental engagement, and a safe and supportive environment for a vulnerable population of students.

During the last three months, funds from the Zeigler Family Foundation supported Project Grow's nine-week summer camp program. Because many of the Project Grow (Grow) students are delayed academically due to their unstable home life, Grow summer camp takes advantage of the extended time with the students to reinforce academic principles and prepare the students for the next grade level. In addition, Grow camp exposes the students to activities and experiences that ensure they are not limited or isolated by their disadvantaged economic status. This past summer the students participated in activities such as swimming, gardening, story-time soccer, and fishing and took field trips to Miami Seaquarium, Butterfly World, Delray Beach Playhouse, Lion Country Safari, and the Spady Cultural Heritage Museum. Palm Beach County's Summer Meal Program provided all campers with breakfast and lunch every day. Funds from the Zeigler Family Foundation helped Project Grow to provide nutritious daily snacks to the students to alleviate any financial burden on their parents. The campers were provided with multiple healthy options, and they enjoyed exercising the power of choice.

Project Grow summer camp exposes the students to possibilities outside their neighborhood and opens their eyes to the exciting experiences, fields of study, and occupations available to them in the future. The Zeigler Family Foundation's support has helped to empower and inspire these formerly homeless and impoverished children to pursue a bright and stable future.

SUCCESS STORY:

Maria* lived with her two siblings, parents, and cousin in a two-bedroom apartment near Adopt-A-Family of the Palm Beaches. Maria's parents both worked minimum wage jobs, often two at a time, to try to provide for their family. Six years ago, Maria's parents heard about Project Grow. Maria was in Kindergarten at the time and enrolled in the program along with her older sister.



When Maria started Project Grow, her teachers noticed she was withdrawn and lacked social skills. She was referred to Adopt-A-Family's Licensed Clinical Social Worker to participate in group counseling. She soon gained confidence and greatly increased her social skills. Maria took a special interest in the program's STEAM (Science, Technology,



Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) curriculum and field trips. Maria's grades steadily improved throughout her time in Project Grow. Later in elementary school, Maria joined the Safety Patrol program at her elementary school. Maria was able to travel to Washington D.C. for the annual Safety Patrol trip thanks to her fundraising efforts and financial assistance offered by Adopt-A-Family. Maria enjoyed participating in Project Grow's annual Spelling Bee at the end of each summer camp, and one year she was the winner. Maria enjoyed her last summer in Project Grow in 2017 and graduated from the program as she was successfully promoted to the 6th grade. Maria continues to visit Project Grow often and reports that she is doing well in middle school.

Project Grow successfully engaged Maria's parents, and they learned to be an integral part of their children's academic progress. Maria's parents attend Grow's yearly STEAM night, talent shows, Spelling Bee, and school presentations and events. Maria's parents often share their immense gratitude for the many ways Project Grow impacted their children and empowered them to thrive socially and educationally.

*Name changed to protect the student's privacy

CHARITY NAME: Area Agency on Aging Palm Beach/Treasure Coast Inc.

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.youradrc.org>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$5,000.00

We remain so grateful to you and the Ziegler Family Foundation for the \$5000 grant we received during the Great Charity Challenge.

Our plan was to use this award to provide Powerful Tools for Caregivers (PTC) workshops to additional family caregivers by training more volunteer facilitators, ordering more of the very useful Caregiver Helpbook given to all participants, and then of course providing these workshops at no cost to the caregivers.

Since receiving the award in February, we have purchased additional Helpbooks and we trained 14 new facilitators in April (flyer attached-Attachment ending in 1038-1). These volunteer facilitators hailed from various organizations such as the YMCA, Catholic Charities, and Palm Beach County Division of Seniors Services. Volunteers trained included 4 nurses, a social worker, a counselor and one retired military personnel to name a few of the professions represented.



Finally, we completed six PTC workshops to date with one additional class currently in progress. A flyer outlining the topics covered in this six week workshop is also included (Attachment ending in 1038). This award made it possible for over 60 family caregivers to receive the benefit of self-care tools designed to help them successfully manage the challenges they face while caring for a loved one.

CHARITY NAME: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin Counties

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.Mentorbig.org>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$5,000

In summer of 2017, the Village of Wellington was instrumental in contributing to overall success of the BBBSPBMC pilot program, “School to Work.” The agency enrolled twenty-four incoming seniors from six area high schools. For thirteen sessions, students attended group training to help to set career goals, while educating them in real life skills, such as resume writing, interviewing skills, finance/budgeting, basic computer skills such as use of email, word processors, etc., job search and leadership skills. Evidence based curriculum from Junior Achievement was taught, guest speakers complement the curriculum though hands on learning activities. Youth attend five field trips to area businesses to experience a day in the life in various fields. Businesses share opportunities in their field, education requirements, salary projections, and hiring trends as well as allow the students to complete tasks required of employees at that business. Students completed a log of

hours (like a work place time card) as an accountability measure. Youth also created a portfolio of their accomplishments and resume. The Village of Wellington hosted the youth as Business Mentors, guest speakers and provided the venue for the final graduation ceremony.

<https://www.facebook.com/VillageofWellington/videos/1123280067773796/>

As of September 2017, there are over 250 children on a “waiting list” wishing to be matched with a Big Brother or Big Sister. Each mentor/mentee match costs roughly \$1,250 to complete. BBBSPBMC Uses an Evidence based practice to ensure program eligibility for all participants. The process begins with initial interviews and background screenings. Followed by the matching process. The match process takes into account mentor/ mentee personality and interests to ensure match satisfaction. Once matched the agency provides support; the match receives training and is provided with opportunities for enhancement activities through the agency. Degreed staff provides



*Thank
you!*



continued monitoring of all participants in matches to ensure safety and positive relationship development. Policy dictates that all mentors complete a Level II FBI background screening every two years while matched to a mentee.

Since February 2017, BBBSPBMC has served 42 unfunded matches in our classic community based one-to-one mentoring program. Between June and September 2017, the agency made four additional unfunded matches. Unfunded matches occur when a child does not meet the criteria specific to awarded grants, but the agency has deemed the child eligible and in need of a mentor. This occurrence stretches BBBSPBMC resources provided to mentor/mentee matches and overall organizational operational capacity. Services provided by BBBSPBMC are at no cost to the Children, Families and Volunteers served. The funds awarded help support these “unfunded matches.”

CHARITY NAME: Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.bgcpcb.org>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$5,000

The impact on parents/guardians to send their children to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach (BGCPBC) during the school year or for the summer camp cannot be under-estimated. Our families, some of the poorest in the county, rely upon the Clubs so that their children (6-18) have a safe, secure, engaging environment to go to afterschool and during summers. BGCPBC is grateful for the support received through the Great Charity Challenge, and as such would like to share one of many heartwarming stories to illustrate the importance our donors are to the health and well-being of our families.

This past May, a single mother of three, who lives blocks away from our Marjorie S. Fisher Club, stopped by to see how expensive it would be to send her three children, two girls and a boy (ages 7, 9, 11) to the BGCPBC summer camp. Typically, the camp is \$120 a week per member (plus additional money for field trips which occur every week during the summer and tee shirts). The mom told the membership clerk she was a disabled veteran and a single parent who could not afford to send her children to our camp. The membership clerk called BGCPBC's administration office and spoke with the woman in charge of summer scholarships. It was fortuitous that that same week a check from the Zeigler Foundation (through the Great Charity Challenge) had been received. It was decided that this family would benefit significantly from the children participating in the Club environment and so to that end the children would receive full scholarships to camp including field trips, and two tee shirts per child. Upon hearing that her children would have a place to go for the summer free of charge, this needy mom burst into tears expressing her gratitude. Since the summer ended, her children have been registered as regular members at the Club.

It should be noted that the cost of the disabled veteran's three children attending summer camp (including field trips and tee shirts) was \$4,110. The remainder of the money was used to pay for five weeks of camp for a fourth child (from a different family), as well as snacks, lunch, and drinks for the last field trip of the summer.

We could not have touched the lives of these children or their families without the help of foundations and organizations like yours.



CHARITY NAME: Florence Fuller Child Development Centers, Inc.

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.ffcdc.org>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$5,000

The culmination of our 2016-2017 school year was celebrated at our Gradutaion ceremony on August 3, 2017. The event was hosted by St. Andrews School and we had 113 smiling happy graduates! This year's theme was Hard Work and Dedication Leads to the Walls of the Hall of Fame. Our children opened the ceremony by welcoming their families and guests in 7 different languages! The songs selected, *I am a Promise*, *Cant Stop the Feeling*, *True Colors*, and *Hall of Fame*, included props and choreograhya and was an outstanding show. Of course we also included our Florence Fuller Song, a favorite of all the schools children and staff. 20 children recited poems which they memorized and said with pride. This was a spectacular Ceremony which was enjoyed by parents, staff, and board members. After receiving their diplomas, they closed the ceremony with another song, See You Later Alligator, and proceeded out of the auditorium and onto a succesfull future in kindergarten. The funds we receive through this grant allow us to execute the cirriculms and lay the foundations for educational success and we are grateful for the opportunity.



CHARITY NAME: Habitat for Humanity of Palm Beach County

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.habitatpbc.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$5,000

The funds were used to rehabilitate a house for first-time homeowner, Danielle Mobley.



Danielle Mobley is the proud mother of 9-year-old Darius and 4-year-old Journee. Danielle has been employed with Comcast for over 10 years. She is excited to have a house of her own where she can peacefully raise her children. She wants to set an example for her children and motivate other mothers to follow the dream of homeownership.

“My mom and my children are my biggest inspiration. They are the reason behind my accomplishments.”- Danielle. Pictured is Danielle’s family. The home is located in the neighborhood of Coleman Park, in the City of West



CHARITY NAME: Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.literacyabc.org>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$5,000

The funds were used to provide instruction at our Glades Family Education program in Belle Glade for adults and preschool children

YOUR DONATION AT WORK:

During the summer, four adult students passed the naturalization test and became United States citizens. The families went on a field trip to the Palm Beach County branch library in Belle Glade. Several had never been to a library before and applied for library cards.

During the year, we invite a variety of community groups to make presentations that can benefit the families. A workshop by the Drowning Prevention Coalition of Palm Beach County told the students how to apply for free swimming lessons for their children. Several families applied and said how much fun their children had and how quickly they learned basic swimming skills.

Although many residents of Palm Beach County go north in the summer for vacations and to escape the heat, several of the families in the program migrate north during the summer to find work. This year, students went to New Jersey to pick blueberries, Georgia to pick corn and Maryland to pick watermelons. They re-enrolled in the program when they returned to Florida in August.



CHARITY NAME: **Palm Beach County Food Bank**

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.pbcfoodbank.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$5,000

Thank you to the Great Charity Challenge for your generous support. Because of you, the Palm Beach County Food Bank was able to procure and distribute more than 5 million pounds of food to our hungry neighbors right here in Palm Beach County.

It is staggering to know that more than 200,000 children, seniors and families in Palm Beach County are hungry—they don't know where they will get their next meal. We have nearly 170 Partner Agencies and programs on the front lines of hunger relief, ensuring that Palm Beach County residents have access to the food they need. Our shared efforts include:

- **Food Recovery & Distribution** - The Food Recovery and Distribution program received 3,663,434 pounds of product, with a total of 2,606,391 pounds categorized as non-perishable in the following categories: bakery, dairy, frozen foods, meats, prepared foods, produce and unsorted perishable food items.
- **Food4OurKids** – The Food4OurKids program served 100 children from the Palm Springs Elementary in Lake Worth and Rolling Green Elementary in Boynton Beach with healthy, shelf-stable food each weekend for 35 weeks during the 2016-2017 school year.
- **Nutrition Driven** - The Nutrition Driven program, an educational mobile food pantry in partnership with the University of Florida, graduated approximately 580 participants at 32 partner agencies and distributed more than 65,000 lbs pounds of fresh produce and whole grains.
- **Benefits Outreach** – The Benefits Outreach program assisted individuals and families in applying for federal food assistance benefits. In Palm Beach County, 170,000+ residents depend on SNAP (food stamps) for daily sustenance.

Thank you so much for your generous support, and your shared commitment toward a healthy and food-secure Palm Beach County!

CHARITY NAME: **The Arc of Palm Beach County**

CHARITY WEBSITE: www.arcpbc.org

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$5,000

We are so thankful to have received generous funding from the Ziegler Family Foundation this year. As you know, this grant supported The Arc of Palm Beach County's Career Transition Program (CTP). This program is a day program for



more than 72 adults with developmental disabilities. The program teaches clients daily living skills, occupational skills and job readiness. The Arc's skilled program instructors create a learning environment that is tailored to each person's individual need. The primary focus is to ensure that every client has the opportunity to live as independently as possible, through skills learned, job placement, or selling artwork at our Art d' Arc gallery, located in the Courim Center. Two tracks of the Career Transition Program include: Enclave Employment and Artisan.

Through Enclave Employment, The Arc partners with various companies in Palm Beach County to create job opportunities for clients to earn minimum wage. Clients have the opportunity to gain employment skills in an inclusive setting, with a staff member of The Arc present to assist with any questions or skills training. Some current partnerships include, Otis Elevators, Pratt & Whitney and the Gehring Group.

Clients also have the opportunity to participate in the Artisan program that teaches those that are interested in advancing their artistic skills, how to create beautiful mosaic artwork. Every artisan that works on a piece, signs the back and once it sells, they receive a commission. Earning a paycheck is a tremendous accomplishment for our clients in their journey to becoming independent contributors in the community.

Funds from The Ziegler Family Foundation were used for specific program support for CTP. Through this support, we were able to purchase more art supplies such as mosaic tiles, glue, paint and paintbrushes for the artisan program. With these additional materials our clients had the opportunity to sell more of their artwork at festivals. In May, we were invited to participate in Sunfest 2018, so many of the new artwork was showcased at our booth in the Art District. Our clients had the opportunity to not only create their artwork, but also learn how to display and market it.

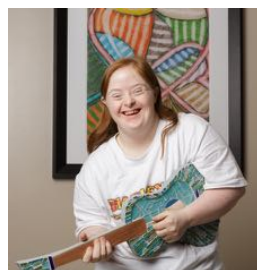
We were also able to purchase classroom supplies for daily lessons and art projects. Here is the breakdown of the funding:

Artisan Materials (mosaic tiles and art supplies) \$2,500

Curriculum, Classroom supplies and artist classes \$2,500

Overall, this generous funding enabled us to increase support for the Career Transition Program creating more opportunities for inclusion, independence and greater educational experiences for our clients.

Thank you so much for your gift to The Arc of Palm Beach County! Your Generosity Makes an Impact!



From left to right: 1. Kerry Anne and Patrick working together on a Mosaic Artwork in the Artisan Program; 2. Two of our program participants creating another incredible work of art with the new sparkle tiles we were able to purchase thanks to The Ziegler Family Foundation; 3. Ashlyn holding one of the pieces she created with glass tiles that we were able to purchase thanks to the Ziegler Family Foundation. Ashlyn was asked why she enjoyed coming to The Arc every day, she said it's because she is now an artist.

The photos seen above are just some of the many clients that benefitted from additional art/classroom supplies and artist classes. With the Ziegler Family Foundation's contribution, our clients were given the opportunity to create more artwork



that was sold and featured at SunFest. This year, more than 30 of our clients received a paycheck from art sales - furthering their ability to be independent and included in their communities. This would not have been possible without the generosity of the Ziegler Family Foundation and the Great Charity Challenge. Our clients cannot thank you enough for making a difference in their lives.

CHARITY NAME: YMCA of South Palm Beach County

CHARITY WEBSITE: <http://www.ymcaspbc.org>

FUNDS RECEIVED: \$5,000

The funds received from the Ziegler Family Foundation grant were used to provide scholarships for traditional swim lesson instruction and water education for at-risk low-income youth in South Palm Beach County. Lessons were offered throughout the summer and into August, at both our traditional YMCA branches – The Peter Blum Family YMCA in Boca Raton and The DeVos-Blum Family YMCA in Boynton Beach.

At the end of our services, these goals were attained for the life-long benefit of those in the program:

- 90 children per branch (a total of 180) were provided Y water safety curriculum for 8 weeks, resulting in swimmers capable of avoiding water dangers and ability to reach safety in the water
- Parents were provided education on how to be a “water watcher”, secure back yard pools, and how to access further swim/drowning prevention instruction if needed

We are grateful for this funding and the water safety education it brings to families. Drowning prevention instruction is critical to the safety of our local children. Florida ranks first and Palm Beach County ranks as one of the highest in the nation for drownings. In 2015, thirty-four children were victims of drownings in Palm Beach County. Though drowning is preventable, our reality is that low-income minority families tend to have a fear of water, as they are exposed to it less often, and limited access to water safety programs. This, correlating with generations that are unable to swim, are at a higher likelihood of tragedy as family members are often helpless to assist or drown along with a child trying to save him/her.

For 165 years, the Y has been known as the national leader in providing swim instruction, and introduced the concept of group swim lessons in 1909. In Palm Beach County, the Y teaches 15,000 water safety and swimming lessons each year to our community, potentially saving a life with each lesson.

We are pleased to share a story of a very special child who made incredible strides in the program, which went beyond the usual experience of many children. This is shared through an aquatics director:

One of the kids we served came to us very scared and apprehensive to get in the water, mainly because he had a major birth defect and was born without forearms and hands. His arms stopped at the elbow on both sides. We placed him with Coach Mike knowing he was a PE teacher at a local school; we knew he would be great with this young man. By week 8 this child came running through the doors excited to be with Coach Mike -- he had confidence and could do EVERYTHING the other kids did. It took a little more work, but he learned if he had a strong kick and could roll over and float he could get to safety. He loved coming to class and always left with a smile. Mike made sure this child could execute



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the skills, and he gained confidence in himself. You could see he felt good in the water being able to do what his peers were doing. It was fun to watch his success.

PHOTOS: We hope they make you smile as much as we did!



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